

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-43. (Cancel)

44. (Original) A method of acquiring tissue from within a hollow body organ, comprising:

positioning a first acquisition member and a second acquisition member adjacent to a region of tissue within the hollow body organ, wherein the first and second acquisition members are in apposition to one another along a first longitudinal axis in an open configuration;

adhering tissue from the region within each of the first and second acquisition members; and

compressing the adhered tissue between the first and second acquisition members in a closed configuration.

45. (Original) The method of claim 44 further comprising fastening the adhered tissue between the first and second acquisition members with at least one fastener.

46. (Original) The method of claim 45 further comprising removing the first and second acquisition members from the hollow body organ.

47. (Original) The method of claim 44 further comprising advancing the first and second acquisition members transesophageally into the hollow body organ.

48. (Original) The method of claim 44 further comprising reconfiguring the first and second acquisition members from a closed configuration to an open configuration prior to positioning.

49. (Original) The method of claim 44 wherein positioning the first acquisition member and the second acquisition member comprises aligning the members adjacent to a lesser curvature.

50. (Original) The method of claim 44 wherein adhering tissue comprises drawing tissue into each of the first and second acquisition members via a vacuum force created in an opening in each of the members.

51. (Original) The method of claim 44 wherein adhering tissue comprises adhering tissue simultaneously to the first and second acquisition members.

52. (Original) The method of claim 44 wherein adhering tissue comprises adhering tissue sequentially to the first and second acquisition members.

53. (Original) The method of claim 44 further comprising removing a septum from between the first acquisition member and the second acquisition member prior to compressing the adhered tissue.

54. (Original) The method of claim 53 wherein removing the septum comprises translating the septum distally relative to the first and second acquisition members.

55. (Original) The method of claim 53 wherein removing the septum comprises translating the septum proximally relative to the first and second acquisition members.

56. (Original) The method of claim 55 further comprising collapsing the septum while translating proximally.

57. (Original) The method of claim 53 wherein the septum is removed laterally.

58. (Original) The method of claim 53 further comprising expanding the septum from a delivery configuration to a deployed configuration prior to adhering tissue.

59. (Original) The method of claim 44 wherein compressing the adhered tissue comprises pivoting the first and second acquisition members upon the tissue.

60. (Original) The method of claim 44 wherein compressing the adhered tissue comprises translating the first and second acquisition members towards one another.

Claims 61-99. (Cancel)

100. (Original) A method of acquiring tissue from within a hollow body organ, comprising:

positioning a first acquisition member and a second acquisition member adjacent to a region of tissue within the hollow body organ, wherein the first and second acquisition members are in apposition to one another in an open configuration;

adhering tissue from the region within each of the first and second acquisition members;

removing a septum from between the first acquisition member and the second acquisition member; and

compressing the adhered tissue between the first and second acquisition members in a closed configuration.

101. (Original) The method of claim 100 further comprising fastening the adhered tissue between the first and second acquisition members with at least one fastener.

102. (Original) The method of claim 101 further comprising removing the first and second acquisition members from the hollow body organ.

103. (Original) The method of claim 101 further comprising advancing the first and second acquisition members transesophageally into the hollow body organ.

104. (Original) The method of claim 100 further comprising reconfiguring the first and second acquisition members from a closed configuration to an open configuration prior to positioning.

105. (Original) The method of claim 100 wherein positioning the first acquisition member and the second acquisition member comprises aligning the members adjacent to a lesser curvature of a stomach.

106. (Original) The method of claim 100 wherein positioning the first acquisition member and the second acquisition member comprises aligning the members adjacent to a greater curvature of a stomach.

107. (Original) The method of claim 100 wherein positioning the first acquisition member and the second acquisition member comprises aligning the members at a position located in between a lesser and greater curvature of a stomach.

108. (Original) The method of claim 100 wherein adhering tissue comprises drawing tissue into each of the first and second acquisition members via a vacuum force created in an opening in each of the members.

109. (Original) The method of claim 100 wherein adhering tissue comprises adhering tissue simultaneously to the first and second acquisition members.

110. (Original) The method of claim 100 wherein adhering tissue comprises adhering tissue sequentially to the first and second acquisition members.

111. (Original) The method of claim 100 wherein removing the septum comprises translating the septum distally relative to the first and second acquisition members.

112. (Original) The method of claim 100 wherein removing the septum comprises translating the septum proximally relative to the first and second acquisition members.

113. (Original) The method of claim 112 further comprising collapsing the septum while translating proximally.

114. (Original) The method of claim 100 wherein the septum is removed laterally.

115. (Original) The method of claim 100 further comprising expanding the septum from a delivery configuration to a deployed configuration prior to adhering tissue.

116. (Original) The method of claim 100 wherein compressing the adhered tissue comprises pivoting the first and second acquisition members upon the tissue.

117. (Original) The method of claim 100 wherein compressing the adhered tissue comprises translating the first and second a